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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. I cannot understand why the government has gone after Microsoft in the first place. As soon as the government started their suit against Microsoft the entire technology industry went downhill. Now that there is a settlement in place, the government should accept it and allow business to return to normal.

In order to put this issue behind them Microsoft has agreed to a long list of provisions. Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers the flexibility to install and promote any software that they see fit, or that consumers request. Microsoft has also agreed to design future versions of Windows to be more compatible with non-Microsoft software. Microsoft has agreed to many compromises to reach the settlement. It is time for the government to accept the settlement and move on.

Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. A settlement this fair has no business languishing in court.

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Cc: Rep. John Conyers